

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 100
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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize the dedicated professionals of the Tennessee Emergency Number Association (TENA) on the occasion of that worthy organization's 20th anniversary.

WHEREAS, seldom observed by the public, emergency communications professionals nevertheless provide an essential service in our society; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of dedicated emergency communications professionals daily serve the citizens of Tennessee by answering their requests for emergency services, providing moral support, and dispatching the appropriate assistance as quickly as possible; and

WHEREAS, emergency communications professionals evidence the highest degree of compassion, understanding, and integrity in the performance of their jobs; and

WHEREAS, when an emergency occurs, the prompt dispatch of the appropriate public safety agencies is critical to the protection of life and preservation of property; and,

WHEREAS, in many emergency situations, emergency communications professionals make the difference between life and death; and

WHEREAS, emergency communications professionals are a vital link between citizens in distress and public safety agencies, as they are the first and most critical contact our citizens have with such agencies; and

WHEREAS, the first Emergency Communications Districts were established in Tennessee following the passage of the Emergency Communications Act in 1984; and

WHEREAS, founded in 1986, the Tennessee Emergency Number Association (TENA) has ably represented our Emergency Communications Districts for twenty years on Capitol Hill and across the State by taking an active role in both legislative and operational concerns; and

WHEREAS, comprised of emergency communications professionals from cities and counties throughout Tennessee, TENA serves as a unified voice in representing these dedicated public servants and as a valuable source for networking among Emergency Communications Districts; and

WHEREAS, TENA seeks to foster the technological advancement, availability and implementation of a universal 9-1-1 emergency telephone system by promoting research, planning, training, and education; and

WHEREAS, TENA's objectives focus on the protection of human life, the preservation of property, and the support of general community security; and

WHEREAS, on Tuesday, March 22, 2005, TENA's officers and other TENA representatives will converge on Nashville for the observance of "9-1-1 On The Hill" to help raise awareness among members of the General Assembly about crucial 9-1-1 issues; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this Body should pay tribute to this outstanding organization and its members for their many contributions and ongoing commitment to the public safety and welfare; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and recognize the dedicated professionals of the Tennessee Emergency Number Association (TENA) on the occasion of that worthy organization's 20th anniversary, salute them as public servants of the highest caliber, and wish them much continued success in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.